

REMARKS

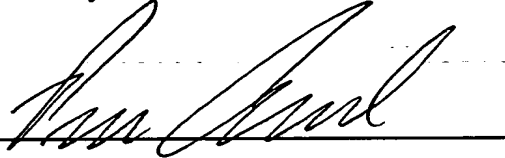
In response to the election of species requirement dated February 18, 2004, Applicants hereby elect species A, Figure 1, for prosecution in the subject application. Claims 1-13 and 15-25 are readable on the elected species.

Applicants have amended the claim 7, cancelled claim 14 and added new claim 25. Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested. The amendments are being done for clarification, and not for reasons related to patentability.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

By 

Date March 18, 2004

FOLEY & LARDNER LLP
Washington Harbour
3000 K Street, N.W., Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20007-5143
Telephone: (202) 945-6162
Facsimile: (202) 672-5399

Pavan K. Agarwal
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 40,888